

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.


PTO/SB/08a/b (08-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2008. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO		Complete If Known			
		Application Number	10/648,464		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)		Filing Date	August 25, 2003		
		First Named Inventor	James D. Ralph		
		Art Unit	3738		
		Examiner Name	J. G. Blanco		
Sheet	1	of	3	Attorney Docket Number	SPINE 3.0-446 CIP III CONT

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (If known)			
JP	AA	US-2001/0016773-A1	08-23-2001	Serhan et al.	
	AB	US-2002/0111681-A1	05-25-2004	Ralph et al.	
	AC	US-2002/0111682-A1	08-15-2002	Ralph et al.	
	AD	US-2002/0111683-A1	12-30-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AE	US-2002/0111684-A1	08-15-2002	Ralph et al.	
	AF	US-2002/0111685-A1	08-15-2002	Ralph et al.	
	AG	US-2002/0111686-A1	07-20-2004	Ralph et al.	
	AH	US-2002/0111687	08-15-2002	Ralph et al.	
	AI	US-2002/0128714-A1	09-12-2002	Manasas et al.	
	AJ	US-2002/0143399-A1	10-19-2004	Sutcliffe	
	AK	US-2003/0009223-A1	08-03-2004	Fehling et al.	
	AL	US-2003/0009224-A1	08-19-2003	Kuras	
	AM	US-2003/0014110-A1	10-19-2004	Ralph et al.	
	AN	US-2003/0014111-A1	03-04-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AO	US-2003/0014112-A1	04-20-2004	Ralph et al.	
	AP	US-2003/0040801-A1	07-06-2004	Ralph et al.	
	AQ	US-2003/0045939-A1	11-11-2003	Casutt	
	AR	US-2003/0069586-A1	04-10-2003	Errico et al.	
	AS	US-2003/0069642-A1	04-10-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AT	US-2003/0074067-A1	04-17-2003	Errico et al.	
	AU	US-2003/0078662-A1	01-06-2004	Ralph et al.	
	AV	US-2003/0078663-A1	12-30-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AW	US-2003/0078664	04-24-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AX	US-2003/0078665-A1	11-11-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AY	US-2003/0078666-A1	08-26-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AZ	US-2003/0078667-A1	10-12-2004	Manasas et al.	
	AA1	US-2003/0083749-A1	05-01-2003	Kuslich et al.	
	AB1	US-2003/0191534-A1	01-27-2004	Viat et al.	
	AC1	US-2003/0199981-A1	03-16-2004	Ferree	
	AD1	US-2003/0204260-A1	10-30-2003	Ferree	
	AE1	US-2003/0208271-A1	11-06-2003	Kuras	
	AF1	US-2003/0233097-A1	12-18-2003	Ferree	
	AG1	US-2003/0233148-A1	12-18-2003	Ferree	
	AH1	US-2004/0002759-A1	01-01-2004	Ferree	
	AI1	US-2004/0002761-A1	01-01-2004	Rogers et al.	
	AJ1	US-2004/0002762-A1	09-21-2004	Hawkins	
	AK1	US-2004/0010316-A1	01-15-2004	William et al.	
	AL1	US-2004/0030390-A1	02-12-2004	Ferree	
	AM1	US-2004/0030391-A1	02-12-2004	Ferree	
	AN1	US-3,867,728			
	AO1	US-4,309,777	01-12-1982	Patil	
	AP1	US-4,759,766	07-26-1988	Buettner-Janz et al.	
	AQ1	US-4,759,769	07/1988	Hedman et al.	
	AR1	US-5,002,576	03-26-1991	Fuhrmann et al.	
	AS1	US-5,122,130	06-16-1992	Keller	
AT1	US-5,258,031	11-02-1993	Salt et al.		
Examiner Signature	James S. Blanco			Date Considered	May 25, 2005

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO		Complete If Known			
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>		Application Number	10/648,464		
		Filing Date	August 25, 2003		
		First Named Inventor	James D. Ralph		
		Art Unit	3738		
		Examiner Name	J. G. Blanco		
Sheet	2	of	3	Attorney Docket Number	SPINE 3.0-446 CIP III CONT

AP	AU1	US-5,314,477	05-24-1994	Mamay	
	AV1	US-5,370,697	12-06-1994	Baumgartner	
	AW1	US-5,401,269	03-28-1995	Buttner-Janz et al.	
	AX1	US-5,425,773	06/1995	BOYD ET AL.	
	AY1	US-5,458,642	10/1995	Beer et al.	
	AZ1	US-5,507,816	04-16-1996	Bullivant	
	AA2	US-5,556,431	09/1996	Buttner-Janz	
	AB2	US-5,562,738	10/1996	Boyd et al.	
	AC2	US-5,674,296	10/1997	Bryan et al.	
	AD2	US-5,676,701	10/1997		
	AE2	US-5,683,465	11/1997	Shinn et al.	
	AF2	US-5,755,796	05/1998	Ibo et al.	
	AG2	US-5,782,832	07-21-1998	Larsen et al.	
	AH2	US-5,865,846	02/1999	Bryan et al.	
	AI2	US-5,888,226	03/1999	Rogozinski	
	AJ2	US-5,893,889	04/1999	Harrington	
	AK2	US-5,895,428	04/1999	Berry	
	AL2	US-5,899,941	05/1999	Nishijima et al.	
	AM2	US-5,928,284	07-27-1999	Mehdizadeh	
	AN2	US-5,989,291	11/1999	Ralph et al.	
	AO2	US-6,001,130	12/1999	Bryan et al.	
	AP2	US-6,146,421	11/2000	Gordon et al.	
	AQ2	US-6,156,067	12/2000	Bryan et al.	
	AR2	US-6,228,118	05/2001	Gordon	
	AS2	US-6,296,665	10/2001	Strnad et al.	
	AT2	US-6,368,350	04/2002	Erickson et al.	
	AU2	US-6,375,682	04-23-2002	Fleischmann et al.	
	AV2	US-6,416,551	07-09-2002	Keller	
	AW2	US-6,468,310	10/2002	Ralph et al.	
	AX2	US-6,517,580	02-11-2003	Ramadan et al.	
	AY2	US-6,520,996	02/2003	Manasas et al.	
	AZ2	US-6,527,804	03-04-2003	Gauchet et al.	
	AA3	US-6,527,806-A1	03-04-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AB3	US-6,540,785	04-01-2003	Gill et al.	
	AC3	US-6,579,320	06-17-2003	Gauchet et al.	
	AD3	US-6,582,466	06-24-2003	Gauchet	
	AE3	US-6,582,468	06-24-2003	Gauchet	
	AF3	US-6,592,624	07-15-2003	Fraser et al.	
	AG3	US-6,607,558-A1	08-19-2003	Kuras	
	AH3	US-6,610,092	08-26-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AI3	US-6,645,248-A1	11-11-2003	Casutt	
	AJ3	US-6,645,249-B2	11/2003	RALPH ET AL.	
	AK3	US-6,669,730	12-30-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AL3	US-6,669,731	12-30-2003	Ralph et al.	
	AM3	US-6,669,732-A1	12-30-2003	Serhan et al.	
	AN3	US-6,673,113-A1	01-06-2004	Ralph et al.	
	AO3	US-6,682,562	01-27-2004	Viart et al.	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	May 25, 2005
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--------------

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substituta for form 1449A/B/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Complete If Known	
				Application Number	10/648,464
				Filing Date	August 25, 2003
				First Named Inventor	James D. Ralph
				Art Unit	3738
				Examiner Name	J. G. Blanco
				Attorney Docket Number	SPINE 3.0-446 CIP III CONT
Sheet	3	of	3		


FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)					

¹EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ²Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ³See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ⁴Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁵For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁶Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁷Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials ¹	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²

¹EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

²Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ³Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	May 25, 2005
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--------------